GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FOREIGN TOURS OF UTI OFFICIALS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the newsitem `UTI adhikarion ki videshyatra par dhai karor rupayee kharch` as appeared in `Daily Dainik Jagran` dated the August 11, 2002.

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check this tendency?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO V. ADSUL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news item refer s to the expenditure incurred by UTI on foreign tours of UTI`s officials as well ason publicity. UTI has intimated following expenditure on foreign visit of its officials, and publicity:-

Year	Expenditure on Foreign Visit (Rs.)	Expenditure on publicity by Domestic Schemes (Rs.)
July 1,1999-June, 30, 2000	1,30,733.00	43,91,20,000.00
July 1,2000-June 30,2001	90,37,902.50	38,40,81,000.00
July 1,2001-June 30,2002	59,63,717.40	27,55,39,000.00

(c) Expenditures on foreign visit and publicity are incurred by UTI as part of normal course of itsbusiness. Officials of UTI except Chairman do not require approval of Government for their foreign visits. Chairman, UTI requires prior approval ofGovernment in case the cumulative period of foreign visit in a calendar year exceeds 15 days.